

Abbottstown Borough Council Meeting September 16, 2021 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Frank Anderson, Laura Baker (by phone), Dale Reichert, Dennis Posey, April O'Brien, Mayor Daniel Watkins, Sr., Solicitor Tim Shultis, Engineer John Golanoski, Chief James Graham. Absent: M/S/T David W. Bolton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Posey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

GUESTS: Laura Niederer from Adams County Office of Planning and Development
Ellen Man and Andrew Dalton from Adams County Historical Society
James Mummert – 195 S. Ridge Road
David Holtzinger – LincolnWay Sales and Service 586 W. King Street
Todd Thornton of York, PA
Cheryl Rhodes and Bob Groft of Groft Excavation
Kris Rubenstein of H&H Contractors
Kevin Moul from UH&L No 33 and 430 W. King Street (Fire Store)
Scott Sigman – 300 Pleasant Street (Warehouse Rocks)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Presentation of 'Keys to the Borough' by Mayor Watkins to Kevin Moul, Duane and Michelle Watson, and Dave Holtzinger for their public service.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only): Adams County Office of Planning and Development discusses future road projects and asks for input from Council. Projects such as the Country Club Road bridge were discussed.

The Adams County Historical Society asks for \$5,000 in ARPA funding for new museum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the minutes from meetings held August 19 & Sept 2, 2021; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

TREASURER REPORTS: *Motion made by April O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Reports thru 8/31/21; Seconded by Frank Anderson; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve/ratify paying the bills as presented thru 9/16/2021; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.

SOLICITOR: Tim Shultis

Moul/HCC revised subdivision plan for 170 E. Water Street: Request for extension through 11.22.2021 for revised subdivision plan. *Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve extension; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

Ordinance 2021-04 Rezoning Portions of the Borough: Duly advertised in the Gettysburg Times (running 13th and 20th), Public Hearing on October 7th at 6 pm. Waiting on county comments, posting of the property with documentation.

Appraisal for property on Kinneman Road: Appraisal will cost \$500 to determine what actions can be taken to discard the property. ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to approve appraisal by Rory Hertzog for no more than \$500; Seconded by April O'Brien; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

ENGINEER: John Golanoski

J.A. Myers Subdivision on Sutton Road: Comment letter has been written up but nothing else is ready for Council action at this time. Mr. Reichert is opposed to a single access cul-de-sac for emergency purposes. Updates will be forwarded as the project progresses.

Update on Center Square accidents: repair process ongoing.

Peterson Family Trust subdivision: Revised plan to be submitted but will not affect borough. Resident wants approval so they can proceed with sale of property. Engineer recommends conditional approval pending comments from other municipalities involved. Solicitor also represents resident and cannot comment on these proceedings. President Posey suggests a motion be made for conditional approval. ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to grant conditional approval to Peterson Family Trust subdivision plan as discussed; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*** Mr. Shultis interjects concerning the amendments to the Sunshine Law concerning actions not listed on the agenda, advising Council of their options. President Posey suggests adding the issue to the next agenda on October 7th. ***Motion made by Frank Anderson to rescind previous conditional approval; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.***

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mr. Bolton is attending the PSAB Board meeting and Leadership Conference in Erie, PA. He leaves the agenda question, "Does Council wish to process RFPs for any services for 2022?" President Posey states that he does not feel the process is needed this year. VP Reichert does not want to create more work for Mr. Bolton.

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPT: Chief James Graham Reports in file

CODE ENFORCEMENT: PMCA Mr. Graham reports that collection boxes on Town Circle and Hughes Drive need some major repair. Council authorizes Engineer to investigate.

PERSONNEL AND BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: Tabled until Mr. Bolton returns.

ACBA/PSAB: ACBA Mon. Sept. 20 at 6 pm, Hoss's Gettysburg.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laura Baker is concerned about a retention pond near her house and wants the Engineer to investigate who is in charge of it.

Kris Raubenstein for the Gutierrez family at 24 Abbotts Court. Proposes resident paying for installation of storm sewer drain at end of cul-de-sac. Lengthy discussion ensues with

Engineer and Council giving comments and asking questions concerning the situation. Engineer believes there are other methods to resolve the issue than installing a drain. Discussion will be investigated prior to the October 7th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council will meet Thursday, Oct. 7th at 6 pm to review 2022 budget concerns

Next regular Council meeting is October 21st at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Frank Anderson to adjourn at 7:15 pm; Seconded by Dale Reichert; Motion carried, 5 Ayes.*

R.S.
Frank Anderson